REMARKS

Applicant submits this its amendment, including these remarks, in response to the Office Action dated May 11, 2004. Applicant has included a Petition for Two-Month Extension of Time, with the appropriate fee.

Per the Examiner's suggestion, Applicant has amended claim 6 to include the limitations of claim 1. Accordingly amended claim 6 is now in a condition of allowance.

Applicant amended claim 1 to include the limitation of claim 3 to overcome the rejection of claims 1 and 5. Applicant has also amended claim 7 to include the limitation of 8, which is now deleted, to also overcome the rejection of claims 7, based on prior art.

The Examiner rejected claims 1, 5, 7 and 8 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b), as being anticipated by *Koch*, U.S. Patent 4, 293,520 (the "Koch Patent"). As indicated by the Examiner, the *Koch* Patent includes an elbow pillow comprising two pillows 12 and 14, which are hinged together along a seam line 20. Each pillow has an elastic strap 16 and 18 attached across the width of the pillow. However, Applicant respectfully traverses this rejection.

That is, the straps cannot be considered a sleeve. As set forth in amended claim 1, the support sleeve is an elastic member that covers the elbow of a user. Similarly, amended claim 7 includes the limitation of positioning the sleeve on a user's arm to cover the user's elbow. The two straps on the pillow illustrated in the *Koch* Patent are spaced apart and cannot cover the elbow of a user. Accordingly, *Koch* does not disclose all the elements of the amended claims 1 and 7. In view of the amendments and remarks, Applicant submits that the pending claims are now in a condition of allowance.

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